

CLAIMS:

1. A method for identifying a first digital data sequence, comprising:
 - calculating a first digital fingerprint based on at least part of the first sequence,
 - comparing the first fingerprint with at least a second fingerprint associated with at least a second digital data sequence,
 - 5 – depending on a result of the comparison, comparing at least one digital watermark associated with the respective first and second data sequences and thereby establishing an identity of the first data sequence.
2. A method according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - 10 – calculating the at least one digital watermark, where the calculation is dependent on information contained in the first fingerprint.
3. A method according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - 15 – calculating the at least one digital watermark, where the calculation is dependent on information resulting from the comparison between the first fingerprint and the second fingerprint.
4. A system for identifying a first digital data sequence, comprising means for:
 - calculating a first digital fingerprint based on at least part of the first sequence,
 - 20 – comparing the first fingerprint with at least a second fingerprint associated with at least a second digital data sequence,
 - depending on a result of the comparison, comparing at least one digital watermark associated with the respective first and second data sequences and thereby establishing an identity of the first data sequence.
- 25 5. A system according to claim 4, further comprising means for:
 - calculating the at least one digital watermark, where the calculation is dependent on information contained in the first fingerprint.

6. A system according to claim 4, further comprising means for:

- calculating the at least one digital watermark, where the calculation is dependent on information resulting from the comparison between the first fingerprint and the second fingerprint.

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7. A computer program including software instructions for controlling a computer to perform a method according to any one of claims 1-3.

8. A method for enabling identification of a first digital data sequence,
10 comprising:

- calculating a first digital fingerprint based on at least part of the first sequence,
- comparing the first fingerprint with at least a second fingerprint associated with at least a second digital data sequence,
- depending on a result of the comparison, storing at least one digital watermark associated
15 with the first data sequence, thereby providing information enabling identification of the first data sequence.

9. A method according to claim 8, further comprising:

- calculating the at least one digital watermark, where the calculation is dependent on
20 information contained in the first fingerprint.

10. A method according to claim 8, further comprising:

- calculating the at least one digital watermark, where the calculation is dependent on information resulting from the comparison between the first fingerprint and the second
25 fingerprint.

11. A system for enabling identification of a first digital data sequence,
comprising means for:

- calculating a first digital fingerprint based on at least part of the first sequence,
- 30 – comparing the first fingerprint with at least a second fingerprint associated with at least a second digital data sequence,

- depending on a result of the comparison, storing at least one digital watermark associated with the first data sequence, thereby providing information enabling identification of the first data sequence.

5 12. A system according to claim 11, further comprising means for:

- calculating the at least one digital watermark, where the calculation is dependent on information contained in the first fingerprint.

13. A system according to claim 11, further comprising means for:

- 10 – calculating the at least one digital watermark, where the calculation is dependent on information resulting from the comparison between the first fingerprint and the second fingerprint.

14. A computer program including software instructions for controlling a

15 computer to perform a method according to any one of claims 8-10.